

**BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2001

) Docket No. R2001-1

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF AMERICAN BUSINESS MEDIA

Pursuant to Section 20 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, American Business Media hereby notices its intervention as a full participant in the above-captioned docket.

American Business Media is an association of the nation's leading publishers of business, professional and medical periodicals, which are mailed almost exclusively at the regular Periodicals rates. ABP members publish more than 1,200 periodicals and pay more than \$200,000,000 in Periodicals postage alone. They also use substantial amounts of First-Class and Standard mail, but the focus of American Business Media's participation in this docket will be the large increase proposed for Periodicals, which will compound significant increases that have been imposed on two occasions this year.

The Postal Service claims that the average increase requested for Periodicals in this proceeding is 10%, but American Business Media fears that, because of rate design changes, the increases for most of its members will exceed this amount.

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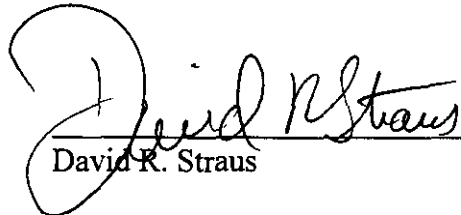
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II.

American Business Media requests a hearing on this matter and intends to participate actively in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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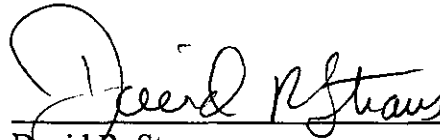
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